



Roland King

"A State of Mind"

Roland King, a retired Chrysler Corporation human resources executive, brings a lifetime of corporate experience to the Bluffton Development Corporation Board.

King's human resources career consist of several high profile positions in college recruiting, training, executive staffing, employee relations and international human resources. One of King's professional highlights is leading his manufacturing technical training department of 142 staff members to an International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9000 Registration with zero non-conformances, a first in the automotive industry. To be registered, a department meets a high-level of criteria within quality management systems, satisfying the needs of customers and other stakeholders as well as complying with regulatory requirements.

King's career enabled him to extensively travel though Europe, Latin America, Asia and the Far East. During one six-week tour, Roland circumnavigated the globe. Highlights of his lifetime of travels include the Great Wall of China, the pyramids of Egypt and a safari in Kenya.

King, a New Orleans native, began his career as a high school teacher before transitioning to business however, mentoring and teaching remains the focus of his volunteer and civic positions. King served on the Board of Directors at Cornerstone Schools (Detroit), an inner-city Christian academy, as a member of his church's Board of Trustees, as Sunday school director and as chairman of his church's deacons. He currently teaches an adult Sunday school class at Community Bible Church in Beaufort and remains active in several church and spiritually-based activities.

King has a bachelor's degree from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He pursued graduate studies at Louisiana State University (LSU) and completed the Executive Education program at Harvard Business School.

He served as the past president of Harvard Business School Alumni Association in Detroit.

Roland and his wife, Patty, have lived in Bluffton since 2008.